

History of the Newfields Village Sewer District

To the inhabitants of a proposed Village Sewer District in the Town of Newfields, described in Article I, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Newfields on Tuesday, the Twelfth day of January, next at 8 of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article I On the petition of Mary B. Hallinan and thirty-three others: To see if the legal voters in the proposed District will vote to set up within the Town a Village Sewer District described and bounded as follows by the Selectmen:

A certain tract of land situated in Newfields, County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire, bordered and described as follows:

Bordered on the Northerly side of the Epping Road so-called at a point one hundred (100) feet Westerly of Dixon Avenue, thence turning and running Northerly on a line parallel to and one hundred (100) feet Westerly of Dixon Avenue to a point one hundred (100) feet Northerly of Nelson Drive: thence turning and running Easterly on a line parallel to and one hundred (100) feet Easterly of Otis Road: thence turning and running Southerly in a line parallel to and one hundred (100) feet Easterly of Otis Road to a point one hundred (100) feet Northerly of said Epping Road: thence turning and running Easterly on a line parallel to and one hundred (100) feet Northerly of Epping Road to a point on hundred (100) feet Westerly of Main Street; thence turning and running Northerly and Northeasterly on a line parallel to and one (100) feet Westerly and Northwesterly of said Main Street to a point one hundred (100) feet Northeasterly of an extension of Swamscott Street: thence turning and running Southeasterly in a line parallel to and one hundred (100) feet Northeasterly of Swamscott Street Extension, crossing To Main Street and continuing in the same line to the B & M Railroad right of way; thence turning and running Southwesterly by said Railroad right of way to land of Elizabeth Newland and Winthrop Battles; thence turning and running Westerly through said Newland-Battles land to a point one hundred (100) feet Southerly of the intersection of Pleasant Street and Summer Street; thence continuing Westerly on a line parallel to and one hundred (100) feet Southerly of Summer Street and crossing Main Street to a point one hundred (100) feet Westerly thereof; thence turning and running Northerly on a line parallel to and one hundred (100) feet Westerly of Main Street to a point one hundred (100) feet Southerly of Epping Road; thence turning and running Westerly on a line parallel to and one hundred (100) feet Southerly of Epping Road to a point perpendicular to the point of beginning; thence turning at a right angle and running Northerly crossing Epping Road to the point of beginning.

Meaning and intending to describe the boundaries of the area of the proposed

Village Sewer District of the Town of Newfields, New Hampshire.

Article II. If Article I is approved to choose three Commissioners and other officers for the District.

Article III. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this Fourteenth day of December in the year of our Lord, Nineteen hundred and Seventy.

A public meeting was held in the Newfields Town Hall on Tuesday evening, Jan. 12, 1971 to act on the warrant which had been posted relative to the setting up of a proposed Village Sewer District.

Article I read as follows: On the petition of Mary B. Hallinan and thirty-three others to see if the legal voters in the proposed District will vote to set up within the Town a Village Sewer District described and bounded as follows by the Selectmen. (Description of same attached herewith in warrant).

The meeting opened with Clerk Cady, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presiding. He read from the various sections of the Laws of New Hampshire pertaining to the right to set up the district and the powers the district would have. He also read the warrant to those present.

A progress report was given by Robert Nixon who stated that Green Engineers prepared a plan on a much larger scale in 1967. Nothing much had been done since that time until the Selectmen were approached by Mr. Herbert Grant, Jr. of the Kingston Mfg. Co. Mr. Grant reported that the Company were going to have to do something about their sewerage problem and wondered if the most economical way was for the town and the factory to get together on the project. Another meeting was held by the Selectmen with Clarence Metcalf of the Water Pollution Committee in attendance.

The meeting was thrown open for discussion and many questions were asked – a great many by people who would not be included were the district set up. It was the thought that if you were within 100 feet of the District that you would be allowed to connect.

Mrs. Warren Carney felt that the store was within the 100 feet, and Mr. Lindsey Brigham, who would be within the Water District, and lives practically across from Mrs. Carney, felt that this was so. Mrs. Carney asked if that being so that she be considered as being in the District and have the right to vote. She was given a “Yes” answer.

Dr. Thomas Hackett wanted to be reassured that only those in the District would be the ones to pay for it.

The question was raised as to whether or not that if the sewerage line goes by your property if you have to put it in. The answer was “Yes”.

It was also brought out that one living in the Sewer District would be considered a voter even though he didn't own the property he was living in.

Mr. Leonard Stevens moved that Article I be adopted, and it was seconded by Mrs. Elvin Stetson. Mrs. Carney asked to have the article reread and it was done by Mr. Cady.

Jack Shaw spoke of the tremendous burden he felt was being put upon the people that would be inclined and said “What are you committing these people to? Two-thirds of the people are included. etc, etc.

Mrs. Richard Glynn asked where it was going to end that she had heard it was to be in the Gardens.

Robert Nixon replied that it would probably be in the proposed site of the original engineer – down over the river bank – now known as “Webby's Camp”. The Sewerage Treatment Plant would probably be there.

William Chick asked how many legal voters are there in the district. The answer was 121 legal voters.

Vernon Glass wondered if a little later on the state demands the whole town go into sewerage, why the whole town shouldn't be involved now.

Herbert Grant, Jr. said that the people who have already paid will not have to pay again when the whole town becomes involved.

Robert Nixon said that he hoped the district would put in a sufficiently large treatment plant to cover more than the district.

William Chick asked if the wording could be changed from legal voters to tax payers. Mr. Brigham answered that this couldn't be done that you have to follow the statute on this.

Someone asked what the anticipated cost might be. The answer was an estimate of \$155,000.

Herbert Grant, Jr. said the factory has two years to complete cleaning up their sewerage problem. They have contacted the engineer and have a price of \$60,000.00 for their own plant. He reiterated that he felt the most economical way was for the town and factory to get together. He

didn't want to commit himself as to the exact amount the factory would pay but certainly gave the impression it would be its fair share.

Mrs. Joyce Heath asked about the people living in another district. Would it be possible for them to get into it?

Mr. Cady answered that they could petition to have the boundaries changed.

Someone else asked how many years it would take to pay for the project.

Mr. Nixon said the district could probably get a bond issue for 20 or 30 years. That would be up to the district to decide.